

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A method for alleviating somatic pain in a patient suffering from spinal cord injury, said method comprising the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof sufficient to alleviate the somatic pain.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered orally.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is 5 to 500 mg per day.

4-8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously presented) A method for alleviating spasticity in a patient suffering from spinal cord injury, said method comprising the step of administering to the patient an effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof sufficient to alleviate spasticity.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered orally.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the effective amount of sildenafil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is 5 to 500 mg per day.